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Sir:

Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the references below, also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449. A copy of each is also enclosed.

The following is a foreign patent publication:

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The following articles are set forth by the indicated year of publication date:

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AL. Lynch et al., "Long-term Expression of Human Adenosine Deaminase in Vascular Smooth Muscle Cells of Rats: A Model for Gene Therapy", Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89: 1138-1142 (February, 1992).

AM. Miller, "Human Gene Therapy Comes of Age", Nature 357: 455-460 (June 11, 1992).

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of

this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

Applicants believe that their invention as claimed is patentable over the above references taken alone or in any combination. However, Applicants reserve the right to demonstrate that their claimed invention was made prior to any one or more of the above-identified references. No inference should be drawn as to the pertinence of the references based on the order in which they are presented.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the foregoing references to make his own determination of the patentability of the present invention and that the references be made of record in the file of this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date, and prior to the first Office Action on the merits.

Although no fee is believed to be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessitated by this transmittal to Townsend and Townsend Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

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